

At 2.3%, the City of Kingsport's increase in unemployment rate is lowest in region

At 8.8%, Sullivan County has 6th lowest unemployment rate in Tennessee

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CITY OF KINGSPORT	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change (between 2005 and latest available data)
Unemployment Rate*	6.8%	5.1%	4.7%	7.7%	9.1%	2.3%
Construction Value*****	\$66,809,260	\$88,560,394	\$164,480,512	\$173,102,255	n/a	159.1%
Population	44,114	44,122	44,435	44,473	**	0.7%
Labor Force*	18,900	18,790	19,310	19,240	18,850	-0.3%
Employed*	17,620	17,830	18,400	17,760	17,130	-2.8%
Not in labor force	25,214	25,332	25,125	25,233	n/a	-0.4%
Retail Sales***	\$1,245,600,000	\$1,287,900,000	\$1,283,800,000	\$1,327,200,000	****	6.6%

Unemployment (U.S., State, Metro & County Data)*	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2005-2009
Maryville, City of	6.9%	5.2%	5.9%	11.0%	9.0%	2.1%
Cleveland, City of	7.3%	5.9%	6.1%	9.4%	9.9%	2.6%
Johnson City, City of	4.3%	3.5%	3.8%	6.1%	8.5%	4.2%
Oak Ridge, City of	4.2%	3.5%	3.7%	5.4%	8.6%	4.4%
Washington County	4.1%	3.6%	3.8%	5.8%	8.6%	4.5%
Sullivan County	4.2%	3.6%	3.6%	5.4%	8.8%	4.6%
Kingsport-Bristol MSA	4.5%	4.0%	3.9%	5.9%	9.1%	4.6%
Tri-Cities CSA	4.5%	3.9%	4.0%	6.1%	9.1%	4.6%
Johnson City MSA	4.4%	3.7%	4.1%	6.4%	9.1%	4.7%
U.S. unemployment	4.8%	4.4%	4.5%	6.0%	9.5%	4.7%
Bristol (TN), City of	4.4%	4.0%	3.8%	5.8%	9.4%	5.0%
Carter County	4.7%	3.7%	4.6%	7.3%	9.8%	5.1%
Tennessee, State of	4.9%	4.3%	4.4%	6.1%	10.3%	5.4%
Hawkins County	4.7%	5.1%	4.0%	7.0%	10.3%	5.6%
Greene County	7.0%	6.1%	6.1%	9.4%	14.3%	7.3%
Morristown, City of	7.4%	7.0%	6.4%	10.7%	14.7%	7.3%

*Month of September (released in October)

**Available in July of following year

***ETSU Business & Economic Research

****Available March 2010 (ETSU Business & Economic Research)

*****As reported on Building Permits